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SUBJECT: DISTRIBUTION OF RUSSIAN-LANGUAGE DIALOGUE AND ECONOMIC  
IMPACT

1. DURING SEPTEMBER 2 LUNCHEON WITH AMBASSADOR AND DCM, KORNIYENKO, CHIEF USA DIVISION OF MFA, AND HIS DEPUTY KOMPLEKTOV POSED SEVERAL QUESTION ABOUT EMBASSY'S DISTRIBUTION OF RUSSIAN-LANGUAGE DIALOGUE. KOMPLEKTOV FIRST ASKED DCM ON WHAT BASIS EMBASSY WAS DISTRIBUTING MAGAZINE TO SOVIET RECIPIENTS, NOTING THAT HE WAS AWARE OF AGREEMENT FOR AMERIKA AND SOVIET LIFE, BUT NOT OF ONE FOR DIALOG. DCM REPLIED THAT DISTRIBUTION WAS ON SAME BASIS AS SOVIET EMBASSY AND NOVOSTI DISTRIBUTION IN U.S. OF NUMEROUS SOVIET PUBLICATIONS, INCLUDING SPUTNIK. SINCE THIS HAS BEEN SOVIET PRACTICE IN U.S. FOR SOME TIME, OUR NATURAL CONCLUSION IS THAT IN SOVIET VIEW THIS IS NORMAL PRACTICE FOR OUR RESPECTIVE EMBASSIES. KOMPLEKTOV OBSERVED THAT IN U.S. PUBLICATIONS ARE DISTRIBUTED ONLY "UPON REQUEST" (PO PROS'BE), TO WHICH DCM REJOINED THAT EMBASSY MOSCOW'S PRACTICE IS ON SAME BASIS AS SOVIET EMBASSY WASHINGTON'S, WITH ONLY DIFFERENCE BEING MORE EXTENSIVE SCALE OF ACTIVITY OF SOVIET EMBASSY AND NOVOSTI.

2. TOPIC WAS THEN PURSUED BRIEFLY WHEN KOMPLEKTOV AND  
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MATLOCK JOINED CONVERSATION OF AMBASSADOR AND KORNIYENKO.

KORNIYENKO REMARKED THAT MFA CONSIDERED IT STRANGE THAT DIALOG WAS DESIGNATED AS A "PUBLICATION OF THE US EMBASSY IN MOSCOW." HE THEN PROCEEDED TO COMPLAIN ABOUT A RECENT ARTICLE IN ECONOMIC IMPACT WHICH HE SAID COMPARED THE SOVIET ECONOMIC SYSTEM TO THAT OF NAZI GERMANY. SUCH COMPARISONS, HE SAID, ARE PARTICULARLY ODIOUS TO SOVIET READERS AND CAN ONLY RAISE HACKLES.

3. COMMENT: SUBJECT WAS RAISED IN LOW-KEY FASHION, AND BOTH SOVIETS REFRAINED FROM SUGGESTING THAT DIALOG WOULD BE THE SUBJECT OF A FORMAL PROTEST, OR THAT STEPS WOULD BE TAKEN TO RESTRICT EMBASSY DISTRIBUTION. THEIR QUESTIONS SEEMED CAREFULLY DESIGNED TO CONVEY THAT WE ARE SKATING ON THIN ICE AND ARE BEING WATCHED CLOSELY.

4. SINCE SOVIETS SEEM TO ATTACH SOME IMPORTANCE TO DESIGNATION OF MAGAZINE AS A "PUBLICATION OF THE US EMBASSY IN MOSCOW" (INSIDE COVER CARRIES LEGEND "IZDANIYE POSOL'TSVA SSHA V MOSKVE"), USIA MAY WISH CONSIDER DESIGNATING SUBSEQUENT ISSUES AS PUBLICATION OF USIA RATHER THAN EMBASSY. WE ARE NOT CERTAIN OF REASON FOR SOVIET ATTENTION TO THIS POINT, BUT THEY MAY POSSIBLY DEVELOP ARGUMENT THAT SOVIET EMBASSY WASHINGTON ONLY DISTRIBUTES PUBLICATIONS OF OTHERS, AND DOES NOT PUBLISH JOURNAL OF ITS OWN.

5. FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE DISCUSSIONS, WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON PRACTICES OF SOVIET EMBASSY WASHINGTON, NOVOSTI, AND OTHER SOVIET OFFICIAL ORGANIZATIONS REGARDING DISTRIBUTION OF SOVIET PUBLICATIONS IN US.  
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